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Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
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  (if applicable)

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1,56(a).

Prior Foreign Application(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Priority Claimed \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below: N/A

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: N/A

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